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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

October/November 2005

SOWINGS

A List of Top Books from Nebraska Librarians

A last minute request, that came at an extremely hectic part of my year, turned into a fun project in spite of the timing. Ginger Tenbenschel with KHAS – TV (Channel 5) out of Hastings was doing a television news story on favorite books and thought it would be cool to have the top 10 books from librarians in the state. She just happened to discover that the Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Educational Media Association were holding their conference in Lincoln at the same time she was putting the story together. Then she called me, the acting NLA president at the time.

So, I put out an e-mail plea via the Nebraska Library Association mailing list, and also had Top Ten Book ballots at conference. Response from librarians was immediate and enthusiastic. Not surprising that librarians love to talk about their favorite books as much as anyone else. Maybe we should get more opportunities to do that.

There were over 100 responses from librarians, media specialists, academic librarians, special librarians, library staff and library supporters from sites across the State. There were over 600 different titles on folks' top 10 lists that included fiction, non-fiction, children's, adult, YA, reference, and series books. It is a very interesting book list and it would be even more interesting to hear individual's reasons and passions for the titles they selected.

To put the titles in some sort of order I listed them in Excel, so that they'd come up alphabetically – and I could tally the votes. (If you'd like to see the entire list, let me know, although I'll warn you – it's not pretty or spell checked, but merely enough of titles or authors listed so that I could come up with a count.)

I came up with the top 5 books selected for Adult, and the top 5 books for Youth – and here, they are:

Top 5 Adult

1. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
2. *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
3. *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
4. *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien and *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte tied for 5th place

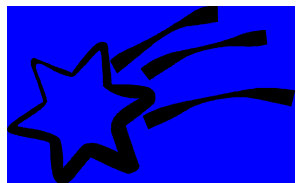
Top 5 Youth

1. *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling
2. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
3. *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder & *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (tied for 3rd place)
4. *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- Among the Hidden* series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

What are your favorites? Your library's list or the list compiled here would make a terrific display in your library. As the days get shorter and people get busier, reminding them of old favorites or new must-reads is a great way to connect with your customers.

-Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

Congratulations to this years winners of awards given out by the **Nebraska Library Association (NLA)** at the 2005 annual conference! For more information on the awards go to the NLA web site at: www.nebraskalibraries.org/awards.html.



NLA Meritorious Service Award

John Seyfarth

NLA Mari Sandoz Award

Dr. Joseph Wydeven

NLA Trustee Citation Award

Gerald Bryant

Golden Sower Awards

Grades K-3: Togo

Robert Blake

Grades 4-6: Loser

Jerry Spinelli

Young Adult: Mississippi Trial, 1955

Chris Crowe

NLA Presidential Award For Excellence

NLA Diversity Committee

Members: Charlene Maxey-Harris (Chair), John Bernardi, Nancy Escamilla, Jodene Glaesemann, Shalini Miskelly, Gretchen Healy

PLS Excalibur Award

Wendy Anderson

C&U Distinguished Service Award

Dana Boden

SCYP Mad Hatter Service Award

Kathy Schultz

Para Section Paraprofessional of the Year

Jenni Puchalla

NMRT Mentor of the Year Award

Dr. Becky Pasco

S & I Promotion Award

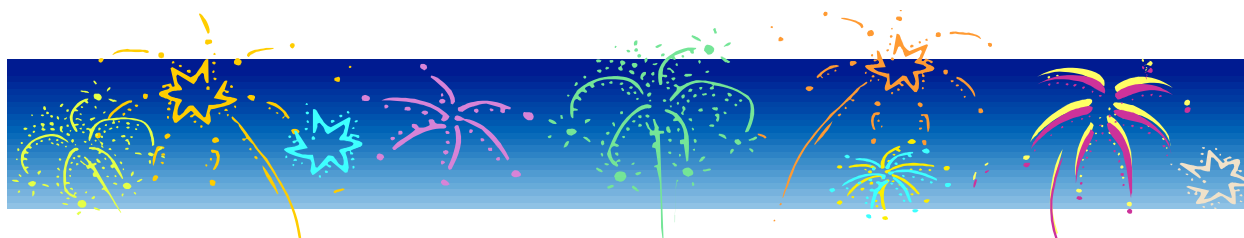
Joy Winkler & Erin Egan-Osburn

S & I Distinguished Service Award

Karen Stefero & Beth Goble

NMRT/Houchen Beginning Professional of the Year

Susan Skinner



And, our hearty congratulations to the following **Nebraska Educational Media Association award winners** from the 2005 conference. For more information on the awards visit the NEMA website at, <http://nema.k12.ne.us/>.

Dr. Marilyn Moore, Lincoln NE, President's Award

Deborah Smith, Pleasanton, NE, Distinguished Media Service Award

Julie Hehnke, Grand Island, NE, Sound Off for Media Award

Announcing SELS Friends

The Southeast Library System supports area libraries and staff in many ways. We **grow** professionally through System programs and save money by participating in group purchases and grants. We participate in peer networks encouraged by SELS and we rely on System staff for professional support in difficult times. SELS continues to be an exemplary system among systems, with staff members who are not afraid to tackle difficult issues and who will speak out when needed. They model what they teach by holding leadership positions in a variety of organizations. We can be proud of SELS!

Unfortunately, like most of our libraries, the System must zero out their budget at the end of their budget cycle. This means that money cannot accumulate to fund large projects. Many of our libraries deal with this stumbling block by forming a Friends of the Library group, and now the System has done the same.

SELS Friends, a subsidiary of the Southeast Library System, is a vehicle to collect funds for System projects which go beyond the scope of their regular budget. It is governed by the SELS board with a committee taking responsibility to promote this effort.

Show your support today by joining SELS Friends. If you sign up in 2005 you will become a charter SELS Friend and your membership will be good through 2006! Individual dues are \$10 annually or \$100 for a lifetime membership; organization or business memberships are \$25 annually or \$250 for a lifetime membership. Checks should be made out to SELS Friends and sent to the regular System address – 5730 R Street, Ste C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Thank you for considering this chance to give back to SELS, a gift that will eventually return to you in enhanced System services!

Thank you for supporting SELS

Join SELS Friends this year &
your *charter* membership is good through 2006!

SELS Friends will not receive preferential treatment from the Southeast Library System staff or board,
but may receive certain “social benefits” connected to future Friends activities.

~Mark your calendars now for a wine and cheese event on April 27!~

Individuals

\$10 annual or \$100 lifetime

Organizations

\$25 annual or \$250 lifetime

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dues paid: \$ _____ Contribution: \$ _____

Contributions may be tax deductible – check with your tax preparer to be sure.

Your name may be listed on the SELS web page and/or in the newsletter unless you check here: _____



November

★ **November 7th, 14th, and 21st: Basic Skills-Collection Development.** Seward Memorial Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 14th –20th: Children's Book Week. The theme for the 86th annual observance is *Imagine*. For information and materials on decorating your walls, promoting your events, and encouraging kids to read go to: www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/.

November 18th: Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting at Nebraska Library Commission, Crane Room from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Contact:** Maria Medrano-Nehls, mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us, 800-307-2665 for more information.

November 22nd: Erate training at NLC from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

November 30th, December 7th & December 14th: Dewey Decimal Classification online training at your own computer from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Does this book on houseplants go in gardening (635.9), botany (581.6), or interior decorating (747)? If you have a nodding acquaintance with Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index but would like to feel more comfortable with using this important tool, join us for a series of three, one and a half-hour Web sessions. All you need is a computer with Internet access and a telephone. Sessions will include discussion on assigning classification numbers when a topic might fall under more than one discipline, choosing the right number based on Notes and Manual entries, building numbers using the tables, and a look at OCLC's Abridged WebDewey. To register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/cataloging.html#reg.

December

★ **December 1st: Patrick Jones, *You are, but IM: Best Practices and New Directions to Serving Young Adults in Schools and Public Libraries*,** at Seward Memorial Library, \$15 registration fee. See page 11 for registration and more information.

December 1st: Letters About Literature deadline, for more information see page 10.

December 9th: CASTL at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln, see page 8 for more information.

★ **December 16th: SELS Board meeting,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, in Lincoln at Gere Branch Library 2400 S. 56th St.

December 29th: LSTA grant applications due to Nebraska Library Commission.

January

★ **January 12th: CASTL meeting** at Seward Memorial Library. Kit Keller from the NLC and Brenda Ealey will help you start a plan and show you how to use Bibliostat Connect Training in your plans. See page 8 for more information.

February



February 14th: NLA Legislative Day – mark your calendars now!



February 17th: SELS Board Meeting – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., York College, Levitt Library.

March



March 9th: Summer Reading Workshop – mark your calendars now!

Here's a list of the National Book Award finalists for "young readers":

Autobiography of My Dead Brother - Walter Dean Myers

The Penderwicks - Jeanne Birdsall

Where I Want to Be - Adele Griffin

Inexcusable - Chris Lynch

Each Little Bird That Sings - Deborah Wiles

Working @ your library®: for LOVE or MONEY

ALA has put together an advocacy video to help library workers improve their salaries. What can help you make your case when advocating for better salaries? Working @ your library® can help! This 10-minute video accomplishes four goals:



1. Illustrating the importance of work done by library workers;
2. Highlighting the variety of work done by library workers;
3. Emphasizing the inequities of library pay in comparison to other similarly trained professions;
4. Making it clear that something must be done.

This video and the Advocating for Better Salaries and Pay Equity Toolkit are important tools as you formulate strategies for convincing your colleagues, managers, trustees, and elected officials that it is fair and possible to align library workers' salaries with those positions requiring similar education and responsibility.

How can I get a copy?

The Paraprofessional Section purchased this video & toolkit combination and donated it to the Nebraska Library Commission for their Web OPAC. Feel free to check it out, it is well done, and informative. (www.nlc.state.ne.us/m3)

If you'd like your own copy, the video is your free gift with a donation to the ALA-Allied Professional Association of \$25 or more, at: www.ala-apa.org/salaries/4loveormoney.html



News for children



Fairbury Public Library now has a sitting area, and a new book kiosk. The A-frame display was custom made by my local carpenter, Larry Whitehead.

For teen read week we handed out candy to all patrons. We have a young adult books display, and all teens who came in received a teen read week bookmark, book bag and a mood pencil. The mood pencils are supposed to change color with your moods.

Also, Fairbury Public Library will have a visit from Children's Illustrator, Rob Bolster, on November 15th at 6:30 p.m. Rob Bolster is the illustrator for Jerry Pallotta's books, and he also does commercial art and fine-art prints. He is a very accomplished artist. For more information visit www.robolster.com We are hosting him here at the library in coordination with Fairbury Public Schools, Norris and Freeman Public Schools. He will be doing school visits at each of these places as well doing an evening presentation here at the library.

Submitted by Ellen Vorderstrasse, Fairbury Public Library Director



Toddler Time has been going well at **Auburn Memorial Library**. This is the second one I have done and we have been having between 12 & 15 toddlers per session, between the ages of 0 & 3 years old. We read a story and then do a simple craft, while one of my co-workers plays on the floor with the babies. We then all get on the floor and work with blocks, legos, and other constructive playthings.

Everyone seems to be enjoying it.

Submitted by Heather Koenke,
Auburn Memorial Library

Scary Story Night at the Library was held by the **Elmwood Public Library Board of Trustees** Oct. 27th for children in grades 3rd through 6th. There were fourteen children in attendance, Board members Cindy Mumford, Colleen Winter, Joy Vidaurre, Susan Ernst, Angie Buckner, staff Carolyn, Furgerson and Ginger Hoyt. The hosts and some guests dressed in costume adding to the ambiance.

The children were given treat bags and followed the arrows on the floor to spots in the library where they were given treats. The arrows also led them to the darkened corner of the library where Halloween riddles and scary stories were told. After sticking their hands in the holes of several boxes to feel such body parts as livers and eye balls, the children were treated to cookies and punch.

Submitted by Ginger Hoyt, Elmwood Public Library Director



Starting January 5, 2006...

LIBR 1210 PUBLIC SERVICES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

4.5 Quarter Hours

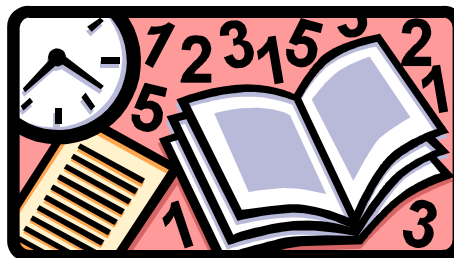
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Winter Term, 2006

January 5, 2005 – March 17, 2006

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in public services, including:

- Assessing customer needs
- Use of information tools
- Outreach services
- Proactive public services
- Data-driven decision making
- Diversity of customers and their needs
- Legal aspects of library policies
- Effects of current legislation



There will be one face-to-face meeting as part of a library tour: Students will choose between either Ogallala on Saturday, March 4th or Lincoln on Sunday, March 5th

Requirement for Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

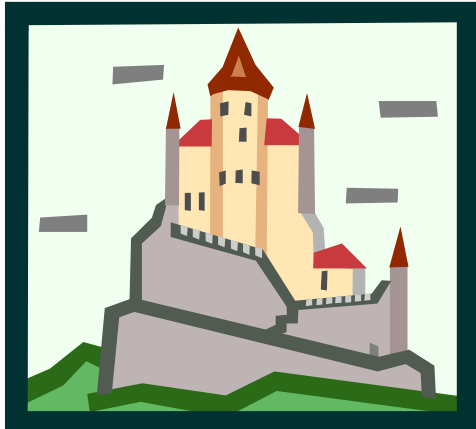
Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) which may be taken at the same time.

Interested? Call Southeast Community College Today:
Mike Pegram, Student Advisor
1 (800) 642-4075 ext. 2788
SCC-Lincoln Campus

<http://www.southeast.edu>

General registration for Winter 2006 term begins December 1, 2005

Class Instructor: Jodene Glaesemann jglaesemann@aol.com 402-476-7240



CASTL

Conversations Among Small Town Librarians

Mark these two dates on your calendar!

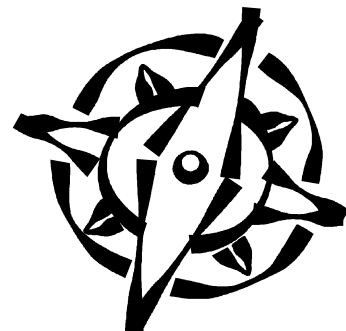
December 9th: Walt Branch Library 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
136 S. 14th St., Lincoln
(near SouthPointe Pavilions Mall– holiday shopping!)
Morning Session: Great Books for Giving
with Vicki Wood
Afternoon Session: Round Robin sharing

January 12th: Seward Memorial Library 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
233 S. 5th St., Seward
Morning Session: “What’s the Plan?”
FREE LUNCH!!
Afternoon Session: Round Robin sharing

What’s the Plan?

We’ll get you started, whether it’s a new endeavor or updating an existing plan. At the end of the workshop, attendees will be asked what follow-up, whether one-on-one or email/phone, can be provided to make certain your library has a plan in place.

Kit Keller will provide training for using Bibliostat Connect to complete your plan.
Double C.E. for Trustees



Presenters: Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission and Brenda Ealey, Southeast Library System Administrator

“Good plans shape good decisions. That’s why good planning helps to make elusive dreams come true.”
-Lester R. Bittel, *The Nine Master Keys of Management*

Workshop sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Southeast Library System.

Please let the System office, bsealey@alltel.net or jennip@alltel.net, know if you are able to attend these sessions so that an accurate count for lunch and handouts can be given.



News and Notes

Free Music Program

Steven Raphael is a musician connected with the Omaha Symphony and would like to do music programs at the libraries and schools. He has an extensive background in music performance and impressed me with all his ideas for programs. He will also do programs for FREE! He currently has a music program on Channel 23 that airs on Fridays at 5:00. If you are interested in a program or would like him to stop by and meet you, his phone number is 537-0678. I have booked him for a program in December. I talked to him about the possibility of a summer program and he was very willing to do one in June or July also.



-Submitted by Judith Andrews, Omaha Public Library

Trelease receives an excellent rating in Seward

One of the nation's most sought after educational speakers and the author of the national best selling title, The Read Aloud Handbook, was in Seward on October 17th and 19th. Jim Trelease spoke to parents in the Seward High School auditorium on Monday evening. Runza provided free meals to families and free childcare was also provided during the program. Over 200 people listened to Jim talk about raising readers in the age of computers and sports. Through humorous stories, touching testimonies, and an abundance of facts he challenged families to get books into their homes and spend time reading together with their children.



Wednesday featured an all day program during which Mr. Trelease addressed over 200 college students, educators, and librarians. He shared statistics and research which supported the lifetime benefits of reading aloud to all ages. During his program he encouraged the audience to go on an offensive campaign for reading, just as citizens have done with smoking and tobacco for the past 30 years.

Both Trelease events were the result of over one year of planning by the Seward Memorial Library staff. The many hours of effort were rewarded when the audience evaluation forms overwhelmingly rated the experience as excellent. Trelease's visit was made possible by funding from the following supporters: Seward Foundation, Friends of Seward Library, Concordia University, and state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Submitted by Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library



News and Notes

We the People Bookshelves: "Becoming American"

Attention Public and School (K-12) Librarians: The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are now accepting applications for the We The People Bookshelf on "Becoming American." Part of the NEH's We the People initiative, the annual collection development grant project will award sets of 15 classic books for young readers, as well as three of these titles in Spanish, to 1,000 libraries across the country. Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme of "Becoming American" to students and/or patrons.

Guidelines and applications are available online at www.ala.org/wethepeople from September 6, 2005 - January 17, 2006. **Unlike past We The People Bookshelves, there will be no second deadline for "Becoming American." All applications are due by January 17, 2006.**

To access a list of titles, please visit www.ala.org/wethepeople. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to receive the "Becoming American" collection for your library - the application process is relatively simple and quick. With questions, please contact: publicprograms@ala.org.

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target presents

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE 

a National Reading and Writing Promotion program for children and young adults.

Sponsored in cooperation with The Nebraska Center for the Book,
Nebraska Library Commission, Houchen Bindery Ltd., and Lee Booksellers.

THE CONTEST

Letters About Literature (www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/lal/LALflyer.pdf) is a writing contest and yet it is much more! To enter Letters About Literature, select a book that excited you. Then write a personal letter to the author and explain why. Do not summarize the book's plot. After all, the author wrote the book and already knows what happened. What the author doesn't know is how the book affected YOU. Here's another tip: don't write a fan letter. Instead of trying to impress, express yourself honestly. Just tell the author how his or her work somehow made a difference in your life. The letters we receive are windows of understanding what young people think about, hope for and fear. They are friendly and conversational, sometimes funny and sometimes painfully honest.

COMPETITION LEVELS

The contest has three competition levels:

Level 1-grades 4-6 Level 2- grades 7-8 Level 3-grades 9-12

STATE AND NATIONAL PRIZES

State level: The top essayist on each competition level will receive a cash award and a \$50 Target Gift-card. The first-place winners in each state will then advance for national judging.

National level: Two national winners will be selected on each competition level. Target will send the six national winners and their (2) parents/guardians to Washington, DC to attend the National Book Festival in Fall 2006.

DEADLINE

Submission deadline for *all* levels is **December 1, 2005**. All state and national winners will be notified by March, 2006. See Letters About Literature form at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/lal/ for guidelines on specific submission details.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the program director at: lettersaboutlit@epix.net. You may also contact the Nebraska Center for the Book (www.unl.edu/NCB/) for state-specific information and prize details or for more information, contact Mary Jo Ryan, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us.



This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Regional Library Systems.

You Are, but IM: Best Practices and New Directions to Serving Young Adults in Schools and Public Libraries

Presented by Patrick Jones

December 1, 2005 at Seward Memorial Library
December 2, 2005 at Holiday Inn Express, North Platte

Registration/Refreshments: 8:30-9:00

Workshop (includes lunch): 9:00-4:00

6.5 continuing education units from the
Nebraska Library Commission

Patrick Jones grew up in Flint, Michigan and now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His most recent professional publication is *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: new and revised 3rd edition* (Neal-Schuman, 2004) written with Michele Gorman and Tricia Suellentrop. He is a frequent speaker at library conferences, having visited all fifty states, as well as in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. His first young adult novel *Things Change* (Walker & Company, 2004) was named by the Young Adult Library Services Association as a best book for reluctant readers. He has recently completed his second novel *Nails*, due to be published in spring 2006. His web site is <http://222.connectingya.com>.

Note: The Nebraska Library Commission will pay for a hotel room for one night prior to this workshop for anyone traveling over 200 miles in one direction. Please contact Sally Snyder at 800-307-2665/ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us for complete details.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Library: _____

E-mail address or phone number: _____

Mail with **\$15/person** (includes lunch)
by **November 23, 2005** to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 12
Omaha NE 68144

Please make checks payable to NRLS

I will attend at the following location (circle one)

Seward

North Platte

Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominee Titles 2006-2007

Sponsored by Nebraska Library Association's Children, and Young People Section

These lists were developed by selection committees of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. They were created from nominated titles sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state. Local library or school officials are responsible for selecting books from these lists they feel are appropriate for the needs and interests of their patrons or students.

Kindergarten-3rd Grade Category

- ♦ Cannon, Janell. *PINDULI*. Illustrated by the author. Harcourt, Inc., 2004
- ♦ Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *MAJOR TAYLOR, CHAMPION CYCLIST*. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Atheneum, 2004.
- ♦ Cook, Lisa Broadie. *MARTIN MACGREGOR'S SNOWMAN*. Illustrated by Adam McCauley. Walker & Co., 2003.
- ♦ Demi. *THE HUNGRY COAT: A TALE FROM TURKEY* Illustrated by the author. Margaret K. McElderry, 2004.
- ♦ Frank, John. *THE TOUGHEST COWBOY: OR HOW THE WILD WEST WAS*
- ♦ *TAMED*. Illustrated by Zachary Pullen. Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- ♦ Hopkinson, Deborah. *A PACKET OF SEEDS*. Illustrated by Bethanne Andersen. Greenwillow, 2004.
- ♦ Kasza, Keiko. *MY LUCKY DAY*. Illustrated by the author. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003.
- ♦ Paterson, John & Katherine. *BLUEBERRIES FOR THE QUEEN*. Illustrated by Susan Jeffers. HarperCollins, 2004.
- ♦ Sierra, Judy. *WILD ABOUT BOOKS*. Illustrated by Marc Brown. Knopf, 2004.
- ♦ Wheeler, Lisa. *OLD CRICKET*. Illustrated by Ponder Goembel. Atheneum, 2003

Grades 4-6th Category

- ♦ Collins, Suzanne. *GREGOR THE OVERLANDER*. Scholastic, 2003.
- ♦ Crisp, Marty. *WHITE STAR: A DOG ON THE TITANIC*. Holiday House, 2004.
- ♦ Gutman, Dan. *THE MILLION DOLLAR STRIKE*. Hyperion, 2004.
- ♦ Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *THE HOUSE ON THE GULF*. Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- ♦ Hahn, Mary Downing. *THE OLD WILLIS PLACE: A GHOST STORY*. Clarion, 2004.
- ♦ Hannigan, Katherine. *IDA B....AND HER PLANS TO MAXIMIZE FUN, AVOID DISASTER, AND (POSSIBLY) SAVE THE WORLD*. Greenwillow, 2004.
- ♦ LaFaye, A. *WORTH*. Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- ♦ Philbrick, Rodman. *THE YOUNG MAN AND THE SEA*. Blue Sky Press, 2004.
- ♦ Van Draanen, Wendelin. *SECRET IDENTITY*. Knopf, 2004.
- ♦ Woodson, Jacqueline. *LOCOMOTION*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2003.

Young Adult Category

- ♦ Bunting, Eve. *THE PRESENCE: A GHOST STORY*. Clarion, 2003.
- ♦ Carbone, Elisa. *THE PACK*. Viking, 2003.
- ♦ Friend, Natasha. *PERFECT*. Milkweed Editions, 2004.
- ♦ Hale, Marian. *THE TRUTH ABOUT SPARROWS*. Henry Holt, 2004.
- ♦ Kwasney, Michelle D. *BABY BLUE*. Henry Holt, 2004.
- ♦ Seely, Debra. *THE LAST OF THE ROUNDUP BOYS*. Holiday House, 2004.
- ♦ Tocher, Timothy. *CHIEF SUNRISE, JOHN MCGRAW, AND ME*. Cricket Books, 2004.
- ♦ Tunnell, Michael O. *WISHING MOON*. Dutton, 2004.
- ♦ Weeks, Sarah. *SO B. IT*. Laura Geringer Books, 2004.

For more information, visit: www.nebraskalibraries.org/nugget/lists/bib0607.htm

Professional Journals! Routed to you!

Mailing the journal on to the next library is the only cost to your library!

Sound too good to be true? It's not— the Southeast Library System gets several professional journals for just that purpose (and to occasionally let Jenni think she's well read). The only rules are that you keep them for only four days before passing them on. In a good year they are routed once every two months. Please check out the list of titles on the next pages and let the System know which ones you'd like to be sent to you.

Contact Jenni at: jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063.

Library Sparks: Activities to Encourage Lifelong Readers

www.librarysparks.com

Articles in last issue:

- 1) Build Friendly Communities using Children's Literature
- 2) Meet Jack Gantos
- 3) Mystery of Internet Research

Standard Features:

Activity Calendar

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Library Lessons

Freebies, Doodads, & Helpful Hints

School Library Journal: For Children's, Young Adult and School Librarians

www.slj.com

Articles in last issue:

- 1) SLJ Administrator of the Year
- 2) The Young and the Wireless
- 3) Books to Brighten the Holidays

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Articles in last issue:

- 1) Classroom Connections: The Great Quake, Colonial Days, They Took a Stand
- 2) Celebrating Teen Read Week
- 3) Patricia Polacco: Weaving Family & Memory into Story

Standard Features:

Classroom Connections

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Awards & Prizes

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Booklist, includes Reference Books Bulletin

www.ala.org/booklist

Articles in last issue:

- 1) Spotlight on Religion & Spirituality
- 2) Top Ten Books in Religion
- 3) New Religion Audiobooks

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Spotlight on _____ (Sports, Romance, History, etc.)

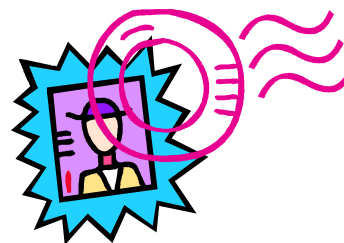
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Adult Books

Books for Youth

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Reference Books Bulletin



Bookbag: Literacy Ideas for Teachers

Articles in last issue:

- 1) "Fall-ing" for Descriptive Writing
- 2) Nonfiction Comprehension-Building Activities and Reproducibles
- 3) Concentrating on Conventions

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Bulletin Boards
Motivation Station
Answer Keys

VOYA: Voice of Youth Advocates

www.voya.com

Articles in last issue:

- 1) Extending the Five-Foot Bookshelf
- 2) How Can We Help? Counseling Connections or Teens Through the Library
- 3) YA Spaces of Your Dreams

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For Your Information
Graphically Speaking
Reviews

LMC: Library Media Connection. The Magazine for School Library Media and Technology Specialists

www.linworth.com/lmc.html

Articles in last issue:

- 1) Which Fiction Genres are Notable and Best from 2000-2005
- 2) Action Research
- 3) True Collaboration Stories

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Copyright Questions of the Month
Tips & Other Bright Ideas
Reviews

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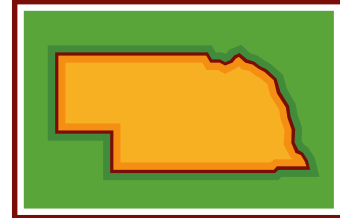
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The **Nebraska Book Awards**, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), recognizes and honors books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or concerning Nebraska. The 2005 winners are:

- **Anthology:** *A Different Plain: Contemporary Nebraska Fiction Writers*, Ladette Randolph, Editor, University of Nebraska Press
- **Children:** *Going North*, Janice N. Harrington, Jerome Lagarrigue (Illustrations), Farrar, Straus and Giroux
- **Children's Honor Book:** *Effie's Image*, N. L. Sharp, Dorothea Rohner (Illustrations), Prairieland Press
- **Young Adult Honor Book:** *Worth*, A. LaFaye, Simon and Schuster
- **Cover/Design/Illustration:** *On Ancient Wings*, Michael Forsberg, Michael Forsberg Photography
- **Cover/Design/Illustration Honor Book:** *Mirror of the Wood*, Karen Kunc and Jukka Partanen, Blue Heron Press
- **Fiction:** *Dating Dead Men*, Harley Jane Kozak, Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc.
- **Fiction Honor Book:** *Little Men*, Gerald Shapiro, Ohio State University Press
- **Non-Fiction:** *A Life with Dogs*, Roger Welsch, MBI Publishing Company
- **Non-Fiction Honor Book:** *On Ancient Wings*, Michael Forsberg, Michael Forsberg Photography
- **Poetry:** *How Much Our Dancing Has Improved*, Barbara Schmitz, The Backwaters Press



Fundraising . . .



Shop for the Library (www.shopforthelibrary.com) is a newly launched online shopping mall designed to help any library, anywhere with a fundraising opportunity. The Shop for the Library Web site features more than 700 merchants, including such well-known stores as Target, Macy's, Gap, Office Depot, and Circuit City. Every purchase initiated through the Web site generates a commission for the library or library support group of the shopper's choice. Shop for the Library then mails the library a check for the amount earned, up to 25% of the purchase price.

There is no added cost to the shopper for making purchases through Shop for the Library, nor is there any charge for libraries to participate other than the cost of promoting it to your community. The Web site also provides marketing tips and templates for everything needed for a local public awareness campaign. Add a link to your library Web page or coordinate a shopping event by sending out invitations for a shopping trip that doesn't involve crowds, parking lots, or overly motivated sales staff.

First-time visitors to the Shop for the Library Web site simply choose a beneficiary library from a database which includes the main library location of all public library systems in the U.S. Other library types, branch libraries, and Friends groups that want to be listed in addition to or instead of the main library should contact support@shopforthelibrary.net.

Taken from *Public Libraries*, July/August 2005

Author Sites:

Jan Brett's homepage: Jan has to be one of the most generous children's authors. Her website has a little bit of everything. One of my favorites are the masks that can be printed out so children can retell a favorite story like THE MITTEN or THE HAT. www.janbrett.com

Eric Carle's homepage: This has information on the author and a section where teachers share ideas on how to use his books in the classroom. www.eric-carle.com

Mem Fox's homepage: Mem is a champion of reading aloud to children, the sooner the better. Her site offers insights into her books as well as her 10 commandments for reading aloud and more. www.memfox.com

My favorite websites:

Storytime Resources:

Awesome Clipart for Educators: Lots of good, free stuff here for teachers. www.awesomeclipartforeducators.com

Build-it-yourself: The Indianhead Federated Library System in Wisconsin has a great site with links to sites with ready-to-go storytime plans, fingerplays, crafts, and lots of other nifty stuff: www.ifls.lib.wi.us/ys/biy.asp (this replaced Build-a-story, which I had on an earlier list)

Preschool Rainbow: "Where early childhood teachers find ideas" www.preschoolrainbow.com

Reading Rainbow: Reading Rainbow has 14 story hour plans that list suggested Reading Rainbow segments to watch, books to read, activities to do as a group & take home activity. http://gpn.unl.edu/rainbow/story_hour.asp

Read Aloud Sites:

Read Aloud Nebraska: A committee of the Nebraska State Reading Association, their site has an idea each day about reading that comes from local schools as well as links to other sites. www.readaloudnebraska.org

Read Aloud Books Too Good To Miss: The Association for Indiana Media Educators develop five read-aloud lists each year for Indiana schools. The lists are for primary school, intermediate school, middle school, high school, and ageless. www.ilfonline.org/Units/Associations/aime/Programs/ReadAlouds/Readaloud.htm

Lincoln City Libraries:

Lincoln City Libraries: You can access the catalog, research databases, and "Ask Us", which, from the Youth Services page (under library departments), allows you to e-mail a question & receive an answer from a youth librarian. www.lincolnlibraries.org

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“and then we had a
pint in the pub
where James Joyce
penned...”

Ireland has produced four Nobel prize winners in one century: Yeats, Shaw, Beckett, and Heaney, and the Irish way with words is alive, alive-oh! Join us on a customised tour of the streets and fields which gave birth to generations of writers and explore the hidden places which colored their work.

Forget the summer schools with their intense concentration upon the finer points of allegory and hyperbole - we have designed a tour to take you to the places which are the backdrop and the inspiration to so many modern Irish writers. Yeats was right to say: "Romantic Ireland's dead and gone" but what about the quiet backwaters of Leitrim, the setting for so much of John McGahern, or the byways of Derry, home ground to Seamus Heaney. "Ireland" is such a nebulous concept - this tour is designed to light your path through the mist.

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Itinerary

Day 1 Fly Omaha to Chicago for Aer Lingus or American Airlines overnight flight to Dublin

Day 2 Met at Dublin airport and taken on city orientation tour to include National Writers' Museum in Parnell Square. Afternoon check in at our three star hotel near Phoenix Park.

Day 3 Tour Dublin, visiting Trinity College Library, the Library at the National Museum and the Guinness Storehouse! Evening literary pub tour.

Day 4 Depart Dublin for Belfast via Newry and the Mountains of Mourne at Newcastle. Afternoon visit to Downpatrick Cathedral and St. Patrick Centre. Evening at a three star hotel in Belfast.

Day 5 Morning city tour of Belfast plus afternoon visit to the Linenhall Library, home of "The Troubles" collection. Evening show at the Grand Opera House, depending on the programme.

Day 6 Morning drive along the Antrim Coast Road, visiting the Giants Causeway and the Old Bushmills Distillery. Overnight in a three star hotel in Portrush.

Day 7 Drive along the north coast via Derry/Londonderry to Lettrkenny, Donegal Town and Belleek Pottery, spending the night at the friendly Carlton Hotel in

Belleek.

Day 8 Leave Belleek and drive to Yeats' grave near Sligo, followed by a drive across the boglands of Mayo to spend the night in the enchanting Bervie House on Achill Island.

Day 9 Leave Achill for Westport and the scenic drive through the Connemara National Park to the scenic boat ride in Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. This is right beside Leenaun, the setting for the film of John B. Keane's "The Field." Then onward via Clifden to Galway city. Overnight in a three star hotel.

Day 10 Depart Galway for Dingle via the Cliffs of Moher and the ferry over the Shannon. Call at the Writers' Museum in Listowel before reaching one of our tried and tested three stars in Dingle.

Day 11 Short trip in the morning to see the eighth century Gallarus Oratory. Rest of the day free. Overnight in Dingle.

Day 12 Transfer from Dingle to Limerick for half day free for shopping and optional literary tour, based on the works of Frank McCourt. Onward for a final night at a comfortable three star hotel in Bunratty, near Shannon Airport.

Day 13 Morning transfer to Shannon Airport for midday departure to USA.



Our personalized two week tour will depart from Omaha (or a gateway city) on July 23rd. Air arrangements will be made when the registration deposits have been received in January 2006. Airfare will be in addition to the land cost.

Land cost is \$1995/person in shared rooms. *Deposit of \$500 is due by January 31, 2006.* Full payment is due June 15, 2006. We accept personal checks or purchase checks on credit card accounts. The land cost includes the following: Eleven nights accommodation with accompanying Irish breakfast, bus, driver/tour guide, dinner on seven nights and sixteen entrance/tour fees.

The tour is open to anyone interested in Ireland or literature.

Suggested reading list:

James Joyce—*The Dubliners*

John Hewitt—*The Planter & The Gael*

Brian Friel—*Translations*

Anything by John McGahern

Anything by William Trevor

Seamus Heaney—*Death of a Naturalist* or *North* or his translation of *Beowulf*

If you plan on the optional Frank McCourt side-trip in Limerick, then you should read *Angela's Ashes*.

Questions? Call Sharon Osenga at Meridian Library System: 800/657-2192 or 308/234-2087 or e-mail sosenga@frontiernet.net

Remember: You will need a valid passport for Ireland.

Southeast Library System Board Meeting and Annual Planning Retreat
August 12, 2005
Seward, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library, York); Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Consolidated Schools Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora).

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission).

Board Members Absent: Stephen Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Brunn Woods Memorial Library, Falls City).

The annual SELS planning retreat was held in the morning at the Seward Memorial Library. The board then went to Becky Baker's home for lunch and the board meeting.

Agenda

What's New Around the System: President Olivigni called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Board members provided updates on their libraries including success fund-raising efforts and special programming. Robin Brooks indicated she will be resigning from the SELS board as she is moving to Kansas for a new library position and to be married.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for June 17, 2005 was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Jenni reviewed the transaction report dated 7/1/05 through 8/1/05 noting that there were still reimbursements expected from NLA and also that there were no carry-over funds. Rent is now \$430.00, an increase from the \$425.00 budgeted for the year. Gary Riggs will conduct the annual audit on August 19. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Robin Brooks and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from June 17, 2005 through August 11, 2005 as outlined in her written report. She attended ALA in Chicago in June and also attended the Nebraska Regional Library and NLC quarterly meeting. She participated in the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute in July and submitted a proposal of interest to Rod Wagner for SELS to fill the position of Nebraska Book Festival Director. (See attached report).

NLC Report: Richard Miller reported on NLC activities including continuing education opportunities and accreditation deadlines. He also announced that all NebraskaAccess databases were renewed for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The statewide performance copyright compliant permission license was also renewed for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. (See attached report).

2005-2006 Meeting Schedule: Meeting dates and locations for the rest of the fiscal year were set:

October 7, 2005 – Nebraska City

December 16, 2005 – Lincoln

February 17, 2006 – York

April 7, 2006 – Plattsmouth

June 2006 – Annual Meeting – Karen Frank and Becky Baker volunteered to plan next year's annual meeting.

Committees: A new committee was formed to act as a friends group with an emphasis on fundraising. It will be called the CNN (Cash Needed Now) Committee. Committee memberships for 2005 – 2006 are:

CE Committee: Lisa Olivigni (Chair), Judy Butler, Debbie Goossen, Hope Schawang

CNN Committee: Becky Baker (Chair), Tom Schmitz, Karen Frank, Jan Thomsen,

CP Committee: Rebecca Bernthal (Chair), Sandy Elton, Ken Gunselman, Stephen Hunt

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

October/November 2005

**“People say that life
is the thing, but I
prefer reading.”**

**- Logan Pearsall
Smith**

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